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SUBJECT: POLISH HEALTH MINISTER' S VISIT TO U. S.

REF: A. WARSAW 1105; B. STATE 43161; C. STATE 34189

1. THE AMBASSADOR MET WITH POLISH HEALTH MINISTER SLIWINSKI MARCH 9, AT THE MINISTER' S REQUEST. IN ADDITION TO A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE MINISTER' S U. S. PROGRAM AND EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS FOR WORK DONE BY THE U. S. SIDE IN PREPARATION FOR THE VISIT, THE FOLLOWING POINTS WERE COVERED:

2. REVERSING HIS USUAL THEME, SLIWINSKI SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE IS A PHYSICIAN, HIS MAIN JOB AT PRESENT IS AS A POLITICIAN. HE SAID THAT WHILE IN THE UNITED STATES " HE HOPED HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH SIMILAR SENIOR OFFICIALS, NOT JUST PEOPLE IN THE FIELD OF MEDICINE". THE AMBASSADOR RESPONDED BY MENTIONING THE MEETINGS SCHEDULED WITH MEMBERS AND SUBCOMMITTEES OF CONGRESS, BUT THE MINISTER, WITH LIGHT BUT FIRM EMPHASIS, MADE IT CLEAR HE HAD MORE THAN THAT IN MIND. REFERRING TO HIMSELF ONCE AGAIN AS ONLY A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER NOW TOILING UNDER THE BURDENS OF ONE OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT' S SENIOR MINISTERIAL POSITIONS, HE SAID HE " IMAGINED HIS DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WOULD TOUCH ON MANY BROAD THEMES SUCH AS SOME OF THOSE RAISED DURING PRESIDENT NIXON' S VISIT LAST YEAR".

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3. COMMENT: WHILE THIS HINTS AT THE OPENING OF WIDE NEW VISTAS, WE DOUBT THE MINISTER HAS ANY SERIOUS DESIRE TO THE THIRTIES BOTH DAYS, STRIKING BOTH IN SUPPORT OF TROOPS IN CONTACT AND ALSO AGAINST TARGETS UNRELATED TO IMMEDIATE GROUND ACTION. REPORTED ARTILLERY EXPENDITURES INCREASED SLIGHTLY. ONE NVA SOLDIER RALLIED IN MUONG PHALANE AREA. POLITICAL - MEETING WITH DCM, MARCH 10, LPF REP SOTH PHETRASY CONFIRMED THAT LPF/ RLG POLITICAL AND MILITARY GROUPS ARE HUNG UP ON DIFFERING CONCEPTS OF THEIR ROLE. DISAPPOINTINGLY, SOTH ADDED NOTHING SIGNIFICANT REGARDING IDENTIFICATION AND RELEASE U. S. POWS. PRIMIN RETURNED TO VIENTIANE MARCH 12, AFTER REPORTING TO KING ON POLITICAL AND MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS. FIVE- PERSON SWEDISH TV CREW WENT TO SAM NEUA ON AN-2 FLIGHT, MARCH 11. END SUMMARY

1. SECTION I - OBSERVANCE OF CEASEFIRE

A. MR I: THERE WERE TWO MINOR GROUND INCIDENTS, BOTH ON 10 MARCH- PATROLS CLASHED 13 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF LUANG PRABANG (ONE ENEMY WIA) AND WEST OF HONG SA (NO CASUALTIES). RLAF FLEW 21 T-28 SORTIES ON 10 MARCH AND 12 T-28 SORTIES ON 11 MARCH; NINE WERE FLOWN EAST AND SOUTHEAST OF LUANG PRABANG IN SUPPORT OF FOREGOING ACTION AND ALSO AGAINST UNRELATED ENEMY TROOPS/ SUPPLIES/ CAVES; SIX WERE FLOWN NORTHEAST OF BAN HOU EI SAI AGAINST ENEMY TROOPS; AND REMAINING EIGHTEEN SORTIES WERE DIRECTED BY REGION COMMAND
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AGAINST ENEMY TROOP CONCENTRATIONS NEAR POSITION WELL EAST OF BAN HOU EI SAI LOST TO ENEMY ATTACK ON 8 MARCH (REFTEL). NO SIGNIFICANT RESULTS WERE REPORTED FOR ANY OF THE SORTIES.

B. MR II: ONE MAJOR INCIDENT OCCURRED NORTH OF PDJ EVENING 9 MARCH (091000 Z) WHEN ENEMY FIRED ESTIMATED 400 HOWITZER/ RECOIL- LESS ROUNDS AT TWO POSITIONS APPROXIMATELY 12 KILOMETERS NORTH- WEST OF BOUAM LONG (UG 144886/135885) (NO CASUALTIES). IN ADDI- TION, EIGHT MINOR INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED. ENEMY AMBUSH APPROXI- MATELY 12 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF BOUAM LONG KILLED THREE FR
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